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ASIA ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE

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The four-day Asia Round Table Conference is being organized by Odisha Livelihoods Mission (OLM) and Trickle Up here (Bhubaneswar, Odisha) today at hotel Sandy's Tower.

The event aims at creating livelihoods opportunities for the most vulnerable pockets of the state and about exchanging experiences from the participating countries of Mexico, Vietnam, Paraguay, Bangladesh and Guatemala. The first day of the event was divided into three sessions.

While speaking at the occasion, Ms. Nita Kejriwal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India, National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) said that, "NRLM has been working for the poorest of the poor. Mission has designed a bunch of helpful programs for the socio-economic development of the most vulnerable people. Social security programme, pension for widow and elderly group, housing programme, are among the series of programmes, designed for the overall development of most vulnerable people."

"Human development index needs to be given more attention. We need to focus more on the livelihood and value chain," she further added.

Lauding the effort of stakeholders for the betterment of poor and most vulnerable group, Sri Pranabjyoti Nath, IAS, State Mission Director, Odisha Livelihoods Mission, "OLM aims to create livelihood opportunities for the development of poor. Series of schemes have been designed to address issue like poverty and malnutrition. So that people living in remote parts of the state can earn their bread and butter."

While prioritizing the poverty eradication programme Ms. Jaya Sarkar, Vice-President, Programme Quality and Innovation, Trickle Up said that, "poverty reduction can be realized through implementation of various schemes. Every individual has the right to access opportunities. So more inclusive approach is needed for the eradication of poverty. We are inspired by Trickle Up's partnership with OLM."

On this occasion, Dr. Sayed Hashemi, Senior Advisor, Social Protection and Jobs Global Practice, The World Bank, Mr. Samik Sundar Das, Senior Rural Development Specialist, Sustainable Development Department, Rural Development and Livelihood Unit, The World Bank, Sri Nruparaj Sahu, Additional CEO (Programme Support and Operation), Ms. Sikha Biswal Additional CEO (Finance) and dignitaries of various private and government organizations were present.